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BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Richard B. Jenkins

Deputy Commander, Mississippi Valley Division

Colonel Richard B. Jenkins assumed his duties as Deputy Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division and Secretary of the Mississippi River Commission on July 15, 2002. He came to the Division following his graduation from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Colonel Jenkins was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1980 and has served in a variety of assignments in the United States and Europe. His initial tour of duty was with the 23d Engineer Battalion, 3d Armored Division, in Hanau, Germany, from 1980-1983. He then served with the 31st Engineer Battalion in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, from 1984-1986, followed by a tour as an intern in the Civil Engineering Branch of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1986-1987. After completing graduate school at Cornell University, Colonel Jenkins served as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy from 1990-1993. Upon graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, he served as the S-3 of the 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, from 1994-1995 and as Commander of the 299th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, during its inactivation in 1995. He then served as the Director of Operations of the U.S. Army Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, from 1996-1997.

From 1997 to 1999, Colonel Jenkins commanded the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. In June 1999, the battalion supported the 2d Brigade Combat Team during the initial deployment into Kosovo with Task Force Falcon and KFOR as part of Operation Joint Guardian. After changing command in Kosovo, he assumed duties as the Chief of the Plans and Projects Management Section of the Engineering and Security Investment Branch, Allied Forces North Europe, in Brunssum, the Netherlands, from 1999-2001. During this tour with NATO he returned to Kosovo, where he served as the Chief of Infrastructure for KFOR in Priština.

His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. Colonel Jenkins earned a Masters of Engineering (Civil) degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1990 and a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, in 2002. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Colonel Jenkins is married and has three children.

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